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INCLUDING THE SAME

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to substantive examination of the above-captioned application, please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification:

Please amend the Specification as follows.

Please amend the Specification at page 4, lines 4-10 to read as follows:

In other aspects, the invention features an absorbent article having a core that includes a composite including superabsorbent polymer, and a nonwoven web impregnated with said superabsorbent polymer, the nonwoven web having loft and a density of no greater than  $0.025 \text{ g/cm}^3$ , the superabsorbent polymer having been formed in situ, the composite including from 10 % by weight to about 90 % by weight superabsorbent polymer. In one embodiment, the nonwoven web has a density no greater than  $0.023 \text{ g/cm}^3$ .

Please amend the Specification at page 7, lines 24-33 to read as follows.

Useful high loft nonwoven webs have a basis weight of greater than  $22 \text{ g/m}^2$  for a web thickness (i.e., caliper) of at least 1 millimeter (mm), preferably at least  $30 \text{ g/m}^2$ , more preferably at least  $60 \text{ g/m}^2$ , more preferably at least  $80 \text{ g/m}^2$ , most preferably at

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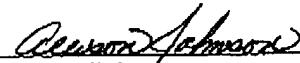
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- 1) Second Preliminary Amendment (3 pages); and
- 2) Tab 1, Clean Version of the Amended Paragraphs of the Specification, Marked-Up Version of the Amended Paragraphs of the Specification, Clean Version of Amended Claims 38 and 39, and Marked-Up Version of Amended Claims 38 and 39 (4 pages total).

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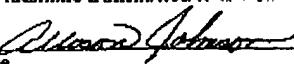
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